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500 People Attend
DD Day at the
Legislature!



View dynamic photos of
the event.

[DD Day Photo Album](#)

Disability
Policy Seminar

Join other advocates at the 2014
Disability Policy Seminar



The Council Celebrates Developmental Disability Awareness Month

The MD DD Council envisions a state where all people with developmental disabilities exercise control over their lives, reach their full potential, and lead healthy, fulfilling lives with enriching relationships.

DD Awareness month provides an excellent opportunity to remember the forward thinking advocates who shaped the laws, policies and programs that support the Council's mission of advancing the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life.

Take advantage of this 31 Days of [DD Awareness calendar](#) by reading & sharing poignant articles, watching inspirational videos, and accessing opportunities to participate in efforts around the state that honor and celebrate the many contributions of people with developmental disabilities, their families, and others.

Community Empowerment Grants

"...be the change you want to see in the world." ~ Gandhi

The MD DD Council announces an exciting new opportunity that will provide small grants -- up to \$3,000 -- to people with developmental disabilities, their family members and their allies to help bring about change on local issues.

[Read more](#)



"Planning Now" Estate Planning Guide

Available now in English & Spanish

Future & estates planning includes envisioning a desired future for your child. "Planning Now" discusses the importance of planning and provides a framework for planning.

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Sibling Survey

Do you have a sibling with a developmental disability?

The survey of adult siblings of people with developmental disabilities is still open. Share your ideas and opinions about the information and support sibs need!

The survey, and a newly forming Maryland Sibling Support Network for adults, are sponsored by the MD DD Council, The Arc MD and By Their Side.



[Sibling Survey](#)

New Website

Visit the Council's newly designed website!

The website is comprehensive, accessible and provides relevant information and resources. Check out our *Announcements*, *What's New* and *Save-the-Date* columns regularly to stay abreast of happenings around the state and beyond.



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